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Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

- Call to Order
- Introductions
- Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission Overview
- Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Overview
 - FY 2022 Notice of Funding Availability
 - Goal of program: to reduce Maryland's state and local incarcerated population through appropriate regards.
 - PIGF engages both state-funded projects and county-funded projects.
 - PIGF FY 2022 will begin on January 1, 2022, and will run through June 30, 2022.
 - o FY 2020 Awards Review
 - Examples of FY2020 grantee target populations include: reentry; law enforcement assisted diversion; educational programs; workforce development programs; abuser intervention programs; reentry training programs; and reentry transition specialists.

• Open Discussion

- The Local Commission should have more discussion around best practices, the dynamics of the local government, and more general communication between the local facilities. Specifically, local facilities should discuss unsuccessful practices endured.
- Would like to see more conversation early on when we start talking about grants; grants are timely and a lot of facilities and agencies do not have grant teams or writers.
- The Local Commission should have more collaboration and communication with the Oversight Board. As the Local Commission identifies different successes throughout programming, they need to compile reports to share with the Oversight Board.

- Part of this Commission is tasked to report to the Oversight Board Chairman Pack attended the August meeting - as this commission finds those programs that do work that we are supporting, the Oversight Board welcomes the Local Commission to hear what the locals feel about specific programs that are or are not working.
- Further discussion topics include:
 - Employing and fund the varied types of justice;
 - How are we being thoughtful about grant funding and cross-jurisdictional work?
 - Expanding victim supports for gun violence survivors;
 - Baltimore City has two non-profit organizations that provide wraparound support for victims of gun violence.
 - How do we address the correlation between recidivism and retaliation?
 - Making a framework for reentry action networks/commissions/councils that provide direct supervision and advocacy at the state level;
 - Providing employment for returning citizens at the jurisdictional level;
 - Balancing a need for public safety while serving the needs of formerly incarcerated individuals; and
 - Focusing on work details at a local level to assign viable abilities for reentry.

Next Steps

 Planning to reach out to grantees to inquire about their successes, and how they navigated general and specific COVID-19 related challenges.